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REMARKS**I. Introduction**

In response to the Office Action dated August 21, 2006, which was made final, no claims have been canceled, amended or added. Claims 1-10, 12-25 and 27-30 remain in the application. Entry of these remarks, and re-consideration of the application, is requested.

II. Prior Art Rejections

On pages 2-5, the Office Action rejected claims 1, 3, 5-6, 12-16, 18, 20-21, and 27-30 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being obvious in view of the combination of U.S. Patent No. 5,095,500 (Tayloe) in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,091,788 (Keskitalo). On pages 5-7, the Office Action rejected claims 2, 4, 7-10, 17, 19, 22-25 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Tayloe and Keskitalo further in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,983,109 (Montoya).

Applicants' attorney respectfully traverses these rejections.

Applicants' attorney previously submitted two Declarations under 37 C.F.R. §1.131 by David J.Y. Lee to eliminate U.S. Patent No. 6,141,565 (Feuerstein) and U.S. Patent No. 6,512,481 (Velazquez) as references. These same Declarations are sufficient to eliminate U.S. Patent No. 6,091,788 (Keskitalo) as a reference.

Applicants' attorney notes that the front of U.S. Patent No. 6,091,788 (Keskitalo) shows that it has an effective date under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) of November 14, 1997. A first Declaration under 37 C.F.R. §1.131 by David J.Y. Lee, submitted on February 27, 2003, alleged sufficient facts to show conception prior to November 13, 1997, and diligent reduction to practice thereafter. A second Declaration under 37 C.F.R. §1.131 by David J.Y. Lee alleged sufficient facts to show conception prior to October 10, 1996, and diligent reduction to practice thereafter. Consequently, both of these Declarations are sufficient to eliminate U.S. Patent No. 6,091,788 (Keskitalo) as a reference.

Applicants' attorney respectfully requests that these rejections be withdrawn.

III. Conclusion

In view of the above, it is submitted that this application is now in good order for allowance and such allowance is respectfully solicited.

Should the Examiner believe minor matters still remain that can be resolved in a telephone interview, the Examiner is urged to call Applicants' undersigned attorney.

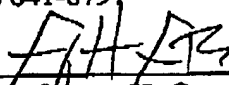
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